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FM AMEMBASSY SUVA
TO USS BENJAMIN STODDERT
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF USS BENJAMIN STODDERT TO TUVALU
INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

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1. THIS CONFIRMS CLEARANCE BY CHIEF MINISTER OF TUVALU
FOR USS BENJAMIN STODDERT TO VISIT FUNAFUTI 29 SEPTEMBER
TO 01 OCTOBER 1978.

2. CLEARANCE FOR THE VISIT TO SUVA HAS BEEN REQUESTED.
EMBASSY EXPECTS TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF CLEARANCE
SHORTLY AND WILL NOTIFY UPON RECEIPT. 135 M DFM HAS
BEEN ORDERED FROM SHELL OIL COMPANY. PILOT WILL BE
PROVIDED.

3. REGARDING PROPOSED FUNCTIONS WHILE IN PORT (PARA. D
REFTEL, CHIEF MINISTER OF TUVALU RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS
IN A LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR:

"WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
OPEN HOUSE ON BOARD 1500 - 1700 ON 29 SEPTEMBER,
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BARBEQUE AFTERNOON OF 30 SEPTEMBER FOR SELECTED
GUESTS AND LUNCHEON ON 1 OCTOBER ALSO FOR SELECTED
GUESTS. WE WILL TRY TO FIT THESE IN AND I AM SURE
THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS."

4. PAO DON CRIDER WOULD APPRECIATE ACCOMMODATIONS ABORAD.

5. CDR. BROWN OF FIJI NAVY TELLS US THAT HE HAS ALREADY COMMUNICATED DIRECTLY WITH USS BENJAMIN STODDERT OFFERING HIS SERVICES AS A PILOT. HE CONFIRMED TO US THAT HE WILL BE LAYING BUOYS TO MARK THE WESTERN CHANNEL AND WILL BE LOOKING OUT FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE SHIP.

6. BY LETTER MAILED TODAY TO POLAD LEO MOSER, WE HAVE FORWARDED FOR CAPT. MACDONALD AN OVERLAY SKETCH PREPARED BY CDR. BROWN IDENTIFYING ANCHORAGE POINTS IN FUNAFUTI HARBOR FOR THE VARIOUS SHIPS THAT WILL BE THERE FOR INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES, NAMELY NEW ZEALAND FRIGATE OTANGO, TWO FIJIAN MINESWEEPERS, NAURU CINCPAC ROUNDER, AND, OF COURSE, USS BENJAMIN STODDERT. HE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE UPON APPROACH TO HARBOR, A SIMILAR OVERLAY WITH MORE DETAILS ON REEFS, ETC.
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